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**Town of Vernon**  
**Conservation Commission Meeting**  
**Minutes - APPROVED**  
**Monday, February 13, 2017**  
**7:00pm**  
**Council Chambers, Third Floor**  
**Vernon Town Hall, 14 Park Place Rockville / Vernon, CT**

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**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members James Simon and Richard Clark.

Staff Present: Town Planner Marina Rodriguez

Recording Secretary: Kathleen Minor

**2. Administrative Actions**

**A. Acceptance of minutes of December 7, 2016 special meeting.**

A motion to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2016 special meeting was made by Chairman James Simon. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**B. Communications Received**

- Copy of Conservation Commission recommendation sent to Town Council regarding sale of property at 97 Main Street
- The Aquarion Water Company sent correspondence regarding nominations for the 2017 Environmental Champion Awards; deadline is May 1, 2017; information will be sent to Youth Services contact at Rockville High School
- CT River Watershed Water Council November/December publication.
- CT Wildlife November/December publication.
- North Central District Health Department notification regarding grant they received from DPH regarding community garden/fruit tree trails and Vernon is eligible to apply for grant.
- FEMA letter regarding from October 2016 upcoming mapping assessment.
- Watershed Council notice to join and donate. Ryan Goad will pass this on to Rob Parlee, Bolton Lakes Watershed Conservation Alliance/Friends of Bolton Lakes
- Marina Rodriguez mentioned that she received an email regarding the next meeting scheduled for March 20, 2017 will be moved to the Probate Conference Room on the first floor. The Open Space Task Force will be notified as well.

**C. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month**

- Communication to Inland/Wetland Commission regarding proposed Dollar General retail store at 1188 Hartford Tpke. The Commission had no comments regarding this project.

**D. Organizational considerations**

- Discussion ensued regarding possible new members and the process that is in place for interested applicants; an applicant has showed interest and Town Planner Marina Rodriguez will follow up with Administration.
- James Simon stated he attended a DEEP meeting regarding Solar Farms as a Vernon resident.

### **3. Open Space Program Update**

- The Open Space Task Force will be attending the next meeting.

### **4. New Business**

#### **A. Application Review and Comments**

**Application [IWC-2017-01] of Hyde Park LLC for a Wetlands Permit to conduct activities in a wetlands area at #14 Hyde Ave. (Assessor's ID: Map#46, Block #0071, Lot/Parcel #00019).**

- The application was reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Ryan Goad to continue to review this application and make a final recommendation at the March 20, 2017 meeting. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **B. Natural Resources Update**

##### **Bolton Lakes Issues**

- Commissioner Ryan Goad reported that on February 2, 2017 he attended a meeting with the Bolton Lake Watershed Conservation Alliance and they discussed that the crossing at Hatch Hill Road has been identified by DEEP as a dam that needs attention. The engineer from DEEP is in the beginning stages of addressing the culverts and making it safer in case of flooding.

##### **Future Activities**

- The Holistic Health Fair is March 25, 2017 and March 26, 2017 from 10am-4pm at Vernon Center Middle School. Discussion about a display for the commission and staffing the shared table.

### **5. Other Goals**

- There is a need for more commission members.

### **6. Adjournment**

Chairman Ryan Goad motioned to adjourn the meeting. James Simon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary